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SUBJECT: SENATE HEARINGS ON IEA LEGISLATION

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS

1. SENATOR JACKSON'S FEBRUARY 6 LETTER TO THE SECRETARY,
JUST RECEIVED, REQUESTS SECRETARY PERSONALLY APPEAR 10:00
A.M. THURSDAY, FEB. 13. OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS:

QUOTE. ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS WILL HOLD HEARINGS ON PENDING
LEGISLATIVE MEASURES TO SET IN PLACE A SYSTEM OF STANDBY
ENERGY EMERGENCY AUTHORITIES. MEASURES PENDING AT THE
PRESENT TIME INCLUDE TITLE XIII OF THE OMNIBUS ENERGY
LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, AND A BILL I
WILL INTRODUCE TOMORROW WHICH IS PATTERNED AFTER S.2589
AND S.3267, BILLS INTRODUCED AND ACTED UPON IN THE 93RD
CONGRESS.

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QUOTE. THE PURPOSE OF THESE HEARINGS WILL BE TO RECEIVE ADMINISTRATION TESTIMONY ON THE NEED FOR LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF THE NATURE PROPOSED TO DEAL WITH EMBARGO OR OTHER CURTAILMENT SITUATIONS AND TO CARRY OUT OBLIGATIONS THE UNITED STATES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGREEMENT. END QUOTE.

2. UNDERSTAND COMMITTEE ALSO HAS INVITED ZARB, SIMON AND MORTON TO TESTIFY. MORTON AND HIS PRINCIPAL DEPUTY WHITAKER UNAVAILABLE, WE ARE TOLD; SIMON IS IN FLORIDA, WILL EITHER SEND STATEMENT OR HAVE BENNETT ATTEND; ZARB HAS SCHEDULING PROBLEMS BUT IS RECONSIDERING, MAY APPEAR.

3. GIVEN IMPORTANCE THESE HEARINGS, AND ESPECIALLY IN VIEW LIKELY ABSENCE OTHER PRINCIPALS (INCLUDING UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON, WHO WILL BE IN NEAR EAST) STRONGLY URGE YOU AGREE APPEAR.

4. ADVISE. INGERSOLL

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